2013-2014 Student Count Day and School Funding Information



- Count Day is when all public schools in Michigan tally the number of students attending their schools.
- Count information is critical to districts, because each student translates into state funding.
- LEA and ISD state aid is based on number of students legally enrolled on or before count day.
- Count Requirements
 - Pupils must be in attendance and received instruction in all classes on the count day.
 - o If student is not in attendance, they may be counted for:
 - 30 calendar days for *excused* absence following count day.
 - 10 school days for *unexcused* absence following count day.
 - 45 days for *suspended* students following count day.
- Local school boards distinguish between excused and unexcused.
- School Cancellation on Count Day
 - If school is cancelled on count day due to conditions not within the control of school authorities, with the approval of the State Superintendent, a school must use the next day the school is in session. (Note: If the condition impacts multiple districts, a statewide waiver could be considered.)
- Count days and school funding is mandated through the State School Aid Act.
 - The calculation schools receive is based on a blend of both winter and fall student count data during the *same* calendar (not school) year.
 - For example: The 2013-2014 school year allocation is based on the 2013 Winter (February) count blended with the 2013 Fall (October) count.
 - Winter counts occur on the 2nd Wednesday in February and represent 10% of state funding. (Changed from 25% to 10% beginning 2011-2012 school year.)
 - Fall counts now occur on the 1st Wednesday in October and represent 90% of state funding. (Date changed from 4th Wednesday in September after Labor Day.) Funding allocation also changed from 75% to 90% beginning 2011-2012 school year. (Senate Bill 1163 of 2010).

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Count Day Schedule

o 2013-14 School Year - School Year Ending June 30, 2014

Note: Schools have 5 weeks to submit student count information to the ISD. The ISD has 24 weeks from the count date to provide the audited pupil counts to the state.

- Winter Count February 13, 2013 = 10%.
 - February 13, 2013 count sent by schools to ISD by March 20, 2013.
 - Verified by ISD and sent to State, July 31, 2013.
- Fall Count October 2, 2013 = 90%.
 - October 2, 2013 count sent by schools to ISD by November 6, 2013.
 - Verified by ISD and sent to State March 19, 2014.
- o Possible ways school districts can maintain or increase pupil counts:
 - Encourage students to attend on count day.
 - Being vigilant to identify and report students absent on count day.

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- Attract and retain new and prior students.
- Prevent or reduce the number of students dropping out of school -- see information below.

School, District and ISD Information

- Number of Schools, Districts, ISDs and PSAs in Michigan
- School District Demographics
- School District Maps
- School Statistics (CEPI)

Public School Finance Information Links

- State Aid Payment Calculation
- State Aid Payment Information
- Performance Based Funding Status
- <u>Deficit District Information and</u> Required Forms

- Current Year LEA Millage Rates
- Public School Finance Information
- School Statistics CEPI
- Pupil Accounting Information
- Public School Accounting

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